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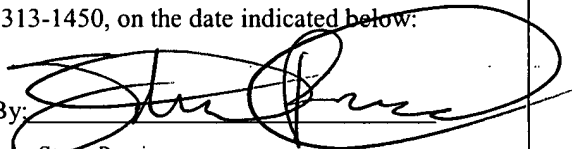
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Garver et al	Examiner: Nguyen, Quang
Serial No.: 09/359,593	Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: July 23, 1999	Docket No.: JHV-009.01
For: <i>Controlled Release of Bioactive Substances</i>	

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed September 25, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments in this request for reconsideration. The deadline for filing this response has been extended by the accompanying petition for a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference JHV-009.01**.